

General DOIHARA Kenji

Inspector-General of Military Education

Born: Aug. 1883, Okayama-ken; 2nd s. of DOIHARA Yoshinaga;
m. Kayo d. of OKADA Kingo.

Career:

Graduate of Military Academy.

1904 Sub Lt.

1912 Graduate of Military Staff College.
Commander of 33rd Infantry Regiment.

June 1928 Reported to have engineered the assassination of
Marshal CHANG Tso Lin, Manchurian War Lord.

Sept. 17, 1931 Rank of Colonel and Resident Officer at Mukden - Manchurian Incident.

1932 Colonel in Japanese Intelligence service in Manchuria
Promoted to Major General

1935 Chief of Special Service Dept. of Japanese Kwantung Garrison in Mukden and Dairen.

1936 Promoted to Lt. General.

1937 Commander of 14th Division

1937-40 Commander of undisclosed unit in North China.
"If the south was inclined to be nationalistic and militant, the Japanese believed that the north was at least still imbued with the old war lord spirit. Influenced by General DOHARA's reports, they thought they would meet no difficulty in starting an autonomy movement similar to that in Manchuria.... Hence the HO-UMETSU Agreement through which the Japanese hoped to create a new bloc of northern militarists under their protection that would work against Nanking.
(Chang's Biography of Chiang Kai-Shek, 1944)

1940 Supreme War Councillor and Director of Military Academy.

April 1941 Made full General.

June 1941-May 1943 Inspector General of Army Aviation Headquarters;
Supreme War Councillor.

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(2)(A) Privacy ☐

(2)(B) Methods/Sources ☐

(2)(G) Foreign Relations ☐

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

July 1941

DOIHARA warned that in case of war some hostile planes were bound to break through the defense line and that Japan must prepare for this.
(Tokyo Record - by Tolischus)

May 1943

Appointed commander-in-chief of Eastern Army Command and Supreme War Councillor.

March 25, 1944

Transferred from post listed above to undisclosed important post. Succeeded as Inspector-General of Army Aviation by General FUJIE Keisuke. DOIHARA has been referred to as Japanese talent scout and as "The Lawrence of Manchuria."

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